

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jeffrey W. Gluck on 03/02/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

- Claim 1: replace "or" (line 5) with "and"
- Claim 11: replace "or" (line 5) with "and"
- Claim 16: replace "or" (line 6) with "and"
- Claim 33: replace "or" (line 5) with "and"
- Claim 38: replace "or" (line 5) with "and"

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. Claim 1 is directed to a method for utilizing a third multicast channel in a communication system for jump-start messages, the communication system including three multicast channels having respective associated multicast addresses, wherein the first and second multicast channels are for the exchange of a hello packet and a link state advertisement (LSA) summary. Moy ("RFC 2328 – OSPF Version 2") discloses OSPF routing protocol utilizing two different multicast addresses for exchanging hello packets and link state advertisement (LSA) summaries; however, Moy does not disclose utilizing a third

multicast channel having an associated multicast address for jump-start messages.

Independent claims 11, 16, 33 and 38 recite similar features and are, therefore, allowable for the same reasons.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MINH DINH whose telephone number is (571)272-3802. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri: 09:00am-5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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